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1. Soon after the Communists came into power in China, they sent organizers to Taiku and to the other villages in Shansi Province. The organizers immediately tried to set up labor groups, student groups, nurses' groups and so forth, but in Taiku were largely unsuccessful.
2. In trying to organize the servants who worked [redacted] at Taiku Hospital, in the south suburb of Taiku, the organizers called a meeting for all the servants and explained to them the advantages of forming a group and the consequences of not doing so. The servants were told that they would have to prove their loyalty to the Communist regime by opposing the Americans for whom they worked. [redacted] servants, an old man and woman, were harassed every day by the organizers to make charges [redacted]. They always refused and so were unable to join the servants' group.
3. The Communists have made excellent use of visual education in trying to raise public health standards in Taiku. All over the village charts were posted showing the effects of bad drinking water, how contagion spreads, and how flies transmit germs. These had a positive effect on the people.
4. In a few instances, the Communists have been opposed. During Chinese New Year, 1951, the organizers tried to arrange a celebration which, although basically traditional, was full of Communist propaganda. The people of Taiku were so disgusted with the proposed arrangements that they ignored them completely and held their usual celebrations.
5. In 1950, after the start of the Korean War, the Chinese Communist Party told each village [redacted] to volunteer its young men to defend Korea against the "US. On the day the young men left, everyone was required to come out in the streets and cheer them off. [redacted] mother who refused to do so and a short time later disappeared. The only news [redacted] of the Korean War was [redacted] in the wall newspapers posted in the center of the village. These were full of atrocity stories about the US soldiers.
6. The Communists have rebuilt and restored all the railroads in Shansi Province, and I understand that they have put in operation the railroad which the Nationalists tried to build from Chungdu (sic) to Chungking.

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